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A fuel cell having an interconnect (separator) structure in which the area of the interconnect is much smaller (~2%) than the area of the adjoining electrode. Any recognition of these relative sizes or ratios by the prior art would be helpful.

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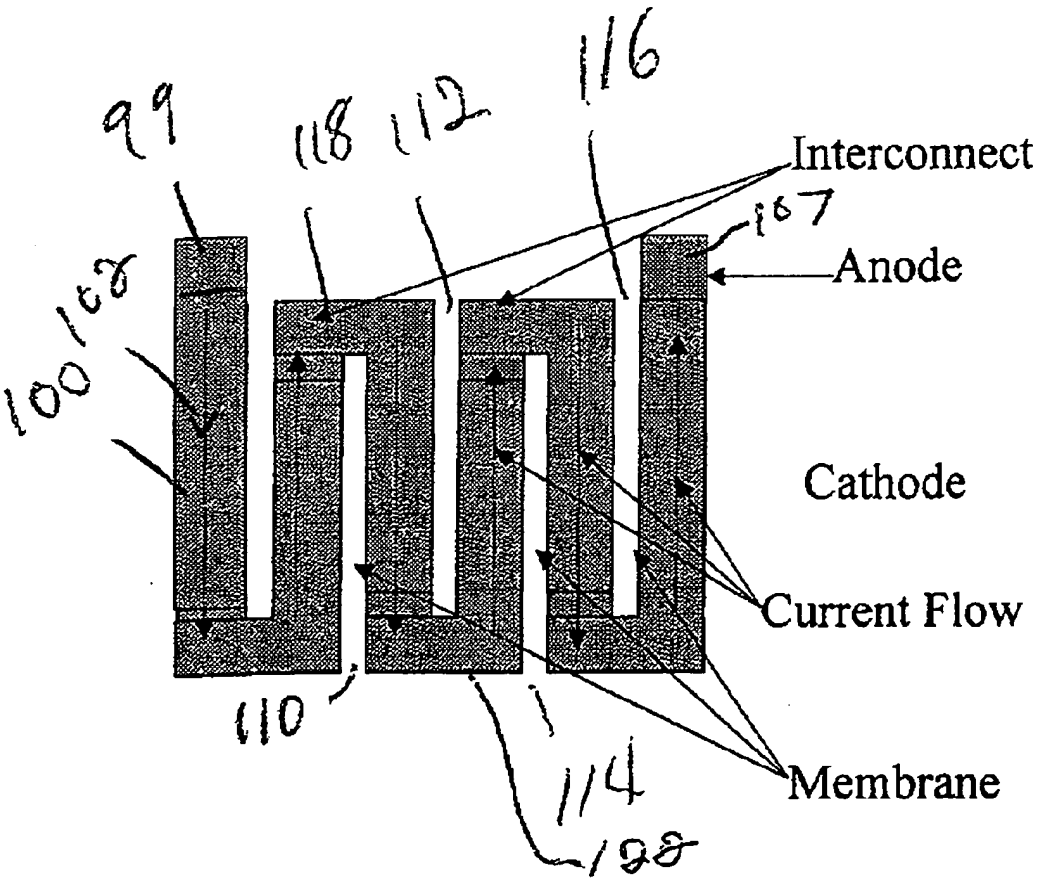
(57) **ABSTRACT**

An improved system for interconnects in a fuel cell. In one embodiment, the membranes are located in parallel with one another, and current flow between them is facilitated by interconnects. In another embodiment, all of the current flow is through the interconnects which are located on the membranes. The interconnects are located between two electrodes.



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